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FROM SCHAUFEELE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MACHEL

1. I WILL PLAN TO FOLLOW LINE CONTAINED IN SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (SECTO 28006) WHEN I MEET WITH MACHEL. PRESENTLY ROWLANDS AND I ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH MACHEL SEPARATELY ALTHOUGH WE ARE PREPARED TO MEET WITH HIM TOGETHER.

2. BRITISH STILL FEEL BESET BY AFRICAN EMPHASIS ON COUNCIL OF STATE AND TENDENCY TO SEEK EITHER CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE OR ASSURANCE THAT IT NEGOTIABLE AT CONFERENCE. (MOST AFRICANS WOULD BE SEEMINGLY SATISFIED WITH COUNCIL OF STATE UNDER BRITISH CHAIRMAN.) WE HAVE AGREED TO HANDLE THIS QUESTION AS FOLLOWS SHOULD IT BE RAISED HERE;

COUNCIL OF STATE, ALTHOUGH CONTAINED IN FIVE POINTS EMERGED AS AN IDEA BASED ON U.S. CONSULTATIONS WITH AFRICANS, UK AND SOUTH AFRICA AND SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THAT LIGHT. IF AFRICANS WISH TO RAISE THIS POINT AT A CONFERENCE NO ONE CAN PREVENT THEM FROM DOING SO. HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD GIVE IT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, NOT MERELY REJECT IT BECAUSE IT CONTAINED IN SMITHS

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DECLARATION.

3. IN THIS WAY WE HOPE TO DEFLECT ATTEMPT TO GET
INTO PRE-CONFERENCE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AND AT
SAME TIME PERSUADE AFRICANS TO LOOK AT IDEA MORE
RECEPTIVELY.
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